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To: All Pharmacy Providers of the Alabama Medicaid Agency

Dear Colleague,

October is a time to recognize the significant contributions to health care, the professionalism, and the commitment to advanced patient care by pharmacists in **ALL** practice settings. Pharmacy is one of the oldest and most trusted healthcare professions, acknowledged as early as 1925 during the first "National Pharmaceutical Week". As a pharmacist myself, I am extremely proud to be from such a noble profession.

At a time when the nation is looking toward health care reform, pharmacists continue to hold the profound responsibility as an essential member of the health care team. The theme of American Pharmacy Month, "Know your medicine, know your pharmacist" summarizes the essential concept of the key role played by pharmacists in reducing overall health care costs by improved medication use and improved patient care. Pharmacists and technicians play a powerful role in the lives of the recipients of our great State, one that is deserving of appreciation every day of the year.

On behalf of the Alabama Medicaid Agency, and specifically the Pharmacy Services Division, thank you for all the work you do.

Respectfully,

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